

The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 6th February 1923, the hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR Avargal, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15—*

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

*Appointments by recruitment and promotion.*

786 Q.—Rao Bahadur T. BALAJI RAO NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state with reference to G.O. No. 613, dated 16th September 1921, and G.O. No. 658, dated 15th August 1922—

(1) whether there is a single appointment in any department in which promotion is made only by selection regardless of seniority ; and

(2) appointments being of two kinds : (1) by direct recruitment and (2) by promotion, whether the effect of G.O. No. 658, dated 15th August 1922, is not to counteract the effect of G.O. No. 613, dated 16th September 1921 ?

A.—(1) The answer is in the affirmative.

(2) The answer is in the negative.

*Appointment of a village munsif in Omalur taluk.*

787 Q.—Rao Sahib S. ELLAPPA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether he has received a copy of the proceedings of a protest meeting of the non-Brahman public of Omalur held on the 4th January 1923 against the appointment of a village munsif in the Omalur taluk, Salem district ; and if so, whether the Government will be pleased to state the action taken in the matter ?

A.—The matter is one for which the law provides regular appeals ; no action by Government is needed.

*Location of Government lime-kilns.*

788 Q.—Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD SADULLA BADSHA SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Public Works) be pleased to state whether any petition has been received from the residents on the Poonamallee High Road, Madras, requesting the Government to take action for the immediate removal of the Government lime-kilns to a less objectionable place and what orders the Government have passed on such petitions, and whether the Government have at any time considered the question of the removal of the Government kilns from their present site and whether they propose to do so at least now on sanitary grounds to a place outside the municipal limits ?

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A.—A petition on the subject from certain residents of the Poonamallee and Kilpauk divisions addressed to the Corporation of Madras was forwarded to Government by the President of the Corporation of Madras in July 1915.

Proposals to remove the Government brick and lime-kilns to a place outside the Madras municipal limits were approved in 1913 and the necessary lands were also acquired. Certain items of preliminary work have been carried out. Further progress has been retarded owing to litigation arising from the acquisition of the new site. The result of the civil suit is still awaited by Government and the removal of the brickfields to the new site will be effected as soon as the case is finally disposed of. An inquiry has shown the desirability of erecting new lime-kilns near the Madras cement works owing to the economy to be derived by burning lime as near as possible to the point where it enters Corporation limits; and an estimate for constructing new kilns at this site is now under the consideration of the Chief Engineer.

*Appointment of honorary magistrates.*

789 Q.—Khan Sahib A. P. I. SAIYID IBRAHIM RAVUTTAR: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the office of honorary magistrate has been conferred upon a subordinate official of the Madras Corporation in active service?

A.—Yes. It is presumed that the hon. Member is referring to the appointment of Mr. Stanley, the Superintendent of the Zoo.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—"There is a rule that a member of the union board may not be appointed as an honorary magistrate in the place of his jurisdiction as union member. Similarly, there is a rule for municipalities that no municipal councillor shall be appointed as an honorary magistrate within the jurisdiction of the municipality. Is not such a rule to be observed in this case also?"

The hon. Sir K. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"I want notice of the question."

*Provision of latrines in public offices in Trichinopoly.*

790 Q.—Khan Sahib A. P. I. SAIYID IBRAHIM RAVUTTAR: With reference to my question No. 526, dated 1st September 1921, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the subject matter of the said question has been brought to the notice of the Board of Revenue;

(b) whether the Board of Revenue has taken any steps in the matter; and

(c) whether the Government cannot place on the table the full report, and the action, if any, taken by the Board of Revenue?

A.—(a) The question put by the hon. Member in September 1921 and the answer given thereto were communicated to the Board of Revenue in October 1921.

(b) The Government have no information.

(c) There are no reports to be placed on the table,